



### **Board Positions - Volunteers**

The membership will vote on board member positions at the March general meeting. Presently, it appears we will need volunteers/nominees for the position of President, and Website. The reward for being on the board is friendship and camaraderie of fellow skiers, satisfaction of contributing, and appreciation of behind the scenes efforts. The club is dependent upon the board positions being filled. Please consider serving the club.

### **March General Meeting**

Voting in a general election, you are rewarded with an 'I voted' sticker. Voting at the club meeting for board members, you are rewarded with cheesecake! This is the final meeting of the year, the last chance to see all of your ski friends at once, see some photos of your smiling ski friends, and eat your voting reward.

### **Avalanche tid bits**

Take a moment to remove the batteries from your beacon, as aging alkaline batteries can leak and compromise your beacon.

Angle measurement sticker <http://poleclinometer.com/>

Angle measurement app <http://wbskiing.com/>

Angle measurement on topo map <https://caltopo.com>

### **Red River Overnight Car Trip**

Red River was the happening place to be the last weekend of February. Thirty three people from the club gathered to attend the "Just Desserts Event" at Enchanted Forest Nordic Center. Turns out the best dessert was blue skies and 18 Inches of new powder on the trails. The skiers just learning to ski this year were WILD. Freedom to go where they wanted, hills that were chosen for the pure fun of gliding and the warming yurt a mile into the backcountry was an experience to check out. The more experienced skiers were off to check out the higher elevation trails and views from the top.

Our group experienced all the trails that Enchanted forest offered; skiing, snowshoeing and skiing with your dog. Our group took over the trails. Most people you passed were from our group. So it was smiles and camaraderie.

On Sunday under blue skies some people headed back to Enchanted Forest. Another group of adventurous skiers headed to the Carson National Forest to ski the West Fork trail outside of Red River.

Thank you to all who attended to the Red River overnight ski trip for making it such a fun week-end. An appreciation to everyone for carpooling, accepting roommates, and cheerfully helping each other dig out cars, to get to Enchanted Forest to ski.



The day ended with a wonderful social hour and a spread of food that could feed an army. We have such good cooks in our club. Good thing the editor, with no self-discipline missed out, he would be as round as the cakes, pies, and cookies.



Looking forward to seeing each other again on snowy trails.  
Ruth Bargman-Romero

## Snow Tires

Bowling shoes don't work well for rock climbing, climbing shoes don't work well for snowshoeing, etc. Likewise the best tires to reach your snow skiing destination via snowy, icy, slippery roads are purpose built tires for winter conditions. If your destination involves driving over snow covered shelf roads you may find peace of mind with tires designed for hazardous winter conditions.



Tires marked with a symbol that looks like a snowflake on a mountain, meet a performance criteria for acceleration traction on medium packed snow. The testing for does not include braking, turning, or icy surfaces. However, independent reviews may include an assessment of a tires ability for braking, cornering and icy surfaces. All reputable reviews indicate winter tires offer better performance than the ubiquitous 'all season' tire on a road surface covered with slush, snow, water on snow, or ice. Within the category of winter tires, some tires have a little better performance on snow, some slightly better on ice etc. When the road surface is soft warm ice, studded tires have an advantage over stud less tires, but they are not legal for year around use in most states. The use of studs has diminished some over the years with the development of advanced rubber compounds. Presently, only one manufacture produces factory studded tires, elsewise studs are added after factory distribution, but prior to driving on the tire.

The new, pliable when cold hydrophilic tire compounds, paired with winter tread designs improve winter performance, but comes with the trade of faster tread wear, and increased stopping distance on dry roads. Consequently, it is not uncommon in wintry locations for folks to have summer tires / winter tires. A good tire shop can help you select a tire that will give you the best performance available for the winter condition that causes your greatest concern (stuck in snow, stuck in mud, cornering, directional control on ice, stopping distance etc.). Searching the internet, you can learn about blocks, sipes, self-cleaning tread patterns, studs, rubber compounds, tire ratings. With some internet research in your back pocket, it will be easier to find (and trust) a tire shop that can provide the tire that is best for your needs.



Sam and friends enjoying the fruits of labor - summer time trail work.

### *Calendar of Events 2018-2019*

Thursday	March 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
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Board Members 2017-2018			
President	Guy Miller	306-2628	<a href="mailto:President@nmccskiclub.org">President@nmccskiclub.org</a>
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Mailing/Egroup	Marilynn Szydlowski	332-8018	<a href="mailto:egroup@nmccskiclub.org">egroup@nmccskiclub.org</a>
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Finding Us			
Web Page	<a href="http://nmccskiclub.org">http://nmccskiclub.org</a>		
FaceBook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1663936723893594">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1663936723893594</a>		
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Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. <a href="http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/">http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/</a>		

Avalanche Outlook	
US	<a href="https://avalanche.org/">https://avalanche.org/</a>
Canada	<a href="https://www.avalanche.ca/map">https://www.avalanche.ca/map</a>
Taos	<a href="http://taosavalanchecenter.org">http://taosavalanchecenter.org</a>
Crested Butte	<a href="http://cbavalanchecenter.org/">http://cbavalanchecenter.org/</a>
Northern NM	<a href="http://www.nmae.org/">http://www.nmae.org/</a>
Some of the sites from <a href="https://avalanche.org">https://avalanche.org</a>	
Colorado	<a href="http://avalanche.state.co.us/">http://avalanche.state.co.us/</a>
Utah	<a href="https://utahavalanchecenter.org">https://utahavalanchecenter.org</a>
Tetons	<a href="http://jhavalanche.org">http://jhavalanche.org</a>
Yellowstone	<a href="https://www.mtavalanche.com">https://www.mtavalanche.com</a>
Sawtooths	<a href="https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com">https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com</a>
Central Sierra	<a href="https://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org">https://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org</a>
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